

June 18, 2003

To Interested Parties:

The 2003 Puget Sound salmon season structure was defined during Pacific Fisheries Management Council and North of Falcon (PFMC/NoF) public meetings that concluded in early April. These fishing agreements resulted from discussions involving state and federal fishery management agencies, tribal fishery co-managers, representatives of the commercial and recreational communities, and other interested parties.

This packet contains information concerning recent changes, stemming from those agreements, that apply to non-treaty Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries. Here are some highlighted changes for 2003:

- **ALL gill net and purse seine fishing schedules included in this packet are subject to action by the Fish & Wildlife Commission at their August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Bellingham.**
- “Quick Reporting” by fish dealers is now in effect for **ALL** salmon fisheries.
- North of Falcon agreements limit purse seine participation in the Area 7B/7C Bellingham Bay chinook fishery (2 seine boats) and in the Area 8A coho fishery during week 41 (2 seine boats).
- Seine brailing required during **ALL** salmon openings in Areas 7 and 7A, including chum openings, and in Areas 7B and 7C prior to September 8.
- Some areas will return to nighttime gill net fishing in 2003 for some dates.
- Gill net participation in the week 42 chum fishery in Areas 7 and 7A requires utilization of on-board live boxes, and soak time for gill net sets is not to exceed 45 minutes.
- Reef net **DAILY REGISTRATION** and participation in collection of DNA tissue samples required during the period September 16-September 30 as a condition of fishing. (See: “All Puget Sound Salmon Gears – Daily registration” on page 3.)
- Pink salmon openings with specific gill net depth and purse seine area restrictions.
- Beach seine area restriction in Quilcene Bay, and expanded opportunity in part of Area 7B.
- Fish and Wildlife Commission actions: 1) extended to all salmon species, not just chum salmon, the requirement to sell eggs and carcasses to the same buyer, and 2) adopted 3½” minimum mesh size for purse seine nets.
- The 2003 Legislature amended direct retail sales endorsement to allow sales to restaurants or similar food services, and catch does not have to be landed in the round.
- During Fraser sockeye fisheries, shortened gill nets and seine landing limits may be required in-season for specific openings when available catch is very limited.

- Gill net **DAILY REGISTRATION** required in order to participate in chum fisheries in Areas 8A, 10, 11, 12, and 12B. (See: “All Puget Sound Salmon Gears – Daily registration” on page 3.)

Tables on pages 6 & 7 compare this year’s fisheries to recent year past fisheries. Expected commercial salmon seasons are found on pages 8 & 9. Fishing seasons contained here are based on preliminary run size forecasts and are subject to revision. In-season updates of run sizes and actual catch rates may cause changes in fishing schedules. In-season fishery changes are announced on the Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) hotline. Always review the WDFW hotline at 1-360-902-2500 before going fishing.

This publication is available in alternate formats upon request. For information regarding alternate formats please contact 1-360-902-2276 or TTD 1-369-902-2207 and allow seven (7) working days to process requests. This publication and other commercial salmon information is available on the WDFW website at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/>, then click on Fishing/Shellfishing and follow the links to commercial fishing information.

Sincerely,

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Fish Program

June 18, 2003

To U.S. Fraser Panel Convention Area Fishers:

The Fraser River Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission manages all commercial sockeye and pink fisheries in convention waters. Pre-season and in-season meetings are held to evaluate all related assessment data and make decisions about fishery openings and allowable harvest.

According to the 1999 Annex to the Pacific Salmon Treaty, the U.S. share of the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) will be 16.5% in 2003 with the non-treaty share of the U.S. TAC being 32.3% in 2003. These U.S. and non-treaty share proportions, subject to annual adjustments for paybacks, will remain in effect through 2010.

The 2003 pre-season forecasts of Fraser River sockeye have been calculated at various probability levels. Based on these forecasts there is a 75% probability that the total 2003 Fraser River sockeye run size will reach or exceed 3,141,000 fish and a 50% probability that it will reach or exceed 5,502,000 fish. This latter forecast is about one third the 2002 return.

The Fraser Panel completed its pre-season plan on June 5, 2003, which incorporates a greater level of in-season flexibility than in 2002. The Panel adopted a pre-season assumption of a continued early river migration pattern and elevated mortality for late run sockeye, though not as severe as observed in 2000 and 2001. At the mid-point forecast, this assumption equates to a 47% in-river late run mortality rate and an allowable exploitation rate of 25% (compared to 15% in 2002). These expectations would equate to a total allowable non-treaty harvest of about 120,000 sockeye. The allowable exploitation rates will be reduced or potentially increased, depending upon in-season run size updates, as well as river migration timing and mortality of late run fish.

Pre-season modeling indicates fishers could access this harvest if the peak migrations of summer and late runs in the marine areas are separated by ten days (the average for this cycle). However, if summer run sockeye enter the marine areas a week later than average, non-treaty fisheries might only be able to access half the available harvest. This reflects the difference in allowable exploitation rates (65% vs. 25% for summer runs and late runs, respectively). I would be surprised to see actual non-treaty catch opportunities much greater than 100,000, but not as surprised to see lower catches.

The Panel's pre-season plan for non-treaty fisheries anticipates fishing 1 day/week for two weeks starting the last week of July, then fishing in early September for pink salmon. Actual fishing schedules will be based upon in-season updates of key information.

There is a potential allowable harvest for U.S. fishers of about 2.9 million pink at the forecast 17 million total run size. Market conditions and management constraints stemming from commingled sockeye could affect accessibility of these fish. We anticipate sockeye non-retention during pink fisheries, thus limiting opportunity for gill nets until sockeye clear the U.S. fishing areas.

The details of the pre-season plan, including in-season decision criteria are expected to be available later in June. Updated information will be available on the Pacific Salmon Commission website at <http://www.psc.org> or in-season on the NOAA Fisheries hotline at 1-888-858-9319.

Sincerely,

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# Regulatory Considerations

This document summarizes 2003 non-treaty Puget Sound commercial salmon fishing regulations agreed to during North of Falcon/PFMC meetings, however, all gill net and purse seine fishing schedules for 2003 are subject to action by the Fish and Wildlife Commission at their August 1-August 2 meeting in Bellingham. A regulation pamphlet of commercial fishing rules affecting Puget Sound salmon net gears is also included for license holders. Others may obtain a copy of the commercial regulation pamphlet by calling WDFW at (360) 902-2700. Some Puget Sound commercial salmon information on catch areas, seasons and hotlines can be found on our website at <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw>. Click “fishing and shellfishing” and scroll down to the commercial links.

Tables on pages 6 and 7 show the 2003 forecasts, summaries of past run-sizes, catch, and days open for major non-treaty commercial fisheries. Pages 8 and 9 show the fishing schedule for Puget Sound all-citizen salmon fishing in 2003 based on preliminary pre-season fishery expectations only. Actual openings may differ from those shown in this document as WDFW will respond in-season to evaluations of run sizes, catch, and allocation. Fishers should **always contact the hotline to verify an opening before going fishing**.

## Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Hotline

For the latest regulatory information including seasons and emergency changes, call the WDFW hotline at:

**1-360-902-2500**

This is a regular long-distance call to Olympia.

## Fraser Panel (NOAA Fisheries) Hotline

For information on fisheries directed at Fraser River-origin sockeye salmon in Areas 7 & 7A, contact the NOAA Fisheries hotline at:

**1-888-858-9319**

**Take-home limits-** It is unlawful for the license holder or crew of a Puget Sound commercial salmon vessel to retain for personal use more than the equivalent of one daily sport catch limit for the area being fished. **All salmon, whether take-home or sold, must be recorded on a State of Washington Fish Receiving Ticket.**

## Gill Net – IMPORTANT POINTS FOR 2003 AND OTHER REMINDERS

**Bird nets-** Gill nets used in Area 7 and 7A sockeye and pink-directed fisheries must be constructed with 5-inch mesh, white opaque, minimum 210d/30 (#12) nylon twine in the first 20 meshes below the corkline.

**Marking gill nets-** Any gill net, attended or unattended, must have affixed within five feet of each end of the net, a buoy, float, or some other form of marker, visible on the corkline of the net, on which shall be marked in a visible, legible and permanent manner the name and gill net license number of the fisher.

**Registration-** Daily registration will be required to participate during chum openings in Areas 8A, 10, 11, 12, and 12B. (See: “All Puget Sound Salmon Gears – Daily registration” on page 3.)

### Gill net mesh size requirements-

Species Managed for:	Minimum Mesh Size	Maximum Mesh Size	Maximum Depth
Chinook	7 Inch	None	None
Coho	5 Inch	None	None
Chum	6.25 Inch	None	None
Fraser Sockeye/Pink Puget Sound Pink	5 Inch	5.5 Inch	60 Mesh maximum in Area 8

**Return to nighttime gill net fishing-** Some areas and times have returned to nighttime gill net fishing. Be sure to check the schedule carefully.

**Areas 7 and 7A week 42 fishing for chum salmon-** During week 42, gill net vessels in Areas 7 and 7A must: 1) have on board the gill net vessel and utilize a recovery box (*contact WDFW at (360) 902-2677 for a copy of plans to build recovery boxes*), and 2) limited net soak time not to exceed 45 minutes per set.

**Area 8 maximum net depth for pink-** Maximum depth of 60 meshes in net for pink salmon in Area 8.

**Area 12B southerly closure-** Area 12B is closed to gill nets south of a line from Quatsap Pt. to Hood Pt. during gill net scheduled openings on October 30, 31 and November 3, 4, 12, 13, 19, and 20.

### Purse Seine - IMPORTANT POINTS FOR 2003 AND OTHER REMINDERS

**Release of Incidentally Caught Fish-** Retention of the following salmon taken with purse seine gear is prohibited:

Chinook in Areas 7, 7A, 8, 8A, 8D, 10, 11, 12, 12B & 12C at all times;

Coho in Areas 7, 7A, 10, and 11 at all times, and 7B prior to September 8;

Chum in Areas 7 & 7A during sockeye and pink directed openings.

• **Land all salmon to the deck with hatch cover(s) closed-** In addition to the requirement to land all salmon on deck with the hatch cover(s) closed, brailing is required during **ALL** fishery openings in Areas 7 & 7A, and during 7B & 7C chinook-directed fishing. All salmon captured in the seine net must be removed using a brailer or dip net\*. A brailer is defined as:

- A bag of web hung on a rigid hoop attached to a handle;
- the bag shall be opened by releasing a line running through rings attached to the bottom of the bag;
- the web shall be of a soft knotless construction and the mesh size may not exceed 57 mm (2.25 inches).

\* A dip net is defined as a hand-held net with a shallow bag of soft, knotless web.

### Reef Net - IMPORTANT POINTS FOR 2003 AND OTHER REMINDERS

**Reef Net salmon release requirements-** Release chinook at all times, and release wild coho through September 30 (wild coho are identified by an intact adipose fin).

**September 16 through September 30 chum salmon DNA study-** During the period September 16 – September 30 any reef net license holder wishing to fish must **DAILY REGISTER** (See: “All Puget Sound Salmon Gears – Daily registration” on page 3.) as a condition to fish, and a second condition to fish during this period is assistance in collection of DNA tissue samples from chum salmon

## **Beach Seine – IMPORTANT POINTS FOR 2003 AND OTHER REMINDERS**

**Beach seine openings-** Beach seine open fishing hours are 7 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday within these season range dates: Quilcene Bay - August 25 through October 3, and in the portion of Area 7B designated for beach seining - October 13 through November 14.

**Beach seine areas/closures- Quilcene Bay:** The western shoreline (within 1000 feet of shore as the shoreline is defined by the mean higher high tide stage) of Quilcene Bay between the mouth of Little Quilcene River and Whitney Point is closed to beach seine fishing in 2003.

**Bellingham Bay:** The portion of Area 7B (Bellingham Bay) designated for beach seining lies northerly and easterly of a line extending from Governors Point to the Red #2 bell buoy to the point where the pipeline from Tilbury Cement Pier contacts the shore.

**Beach seine by-catch non-retention-** It is unlawful to retain chinook and chum salmon taken with beach seine gear in the Quilcene Bay area, and it is unlawful to retain chinook in the Bellingham Bay beach seine fishing area.

## **All Puget Sound Salmon Gears - IMPORTANT POINTS FOR 2003 AND OTHER REMINDERS**

**DAILY REGISTRATION** - When daily registration is a condition to fish in an area, the license holder must report 1) their name, 2) a telephone number where they can be reached, 3) the gear type, and 4) the area they will be fishing. This report must be made 24 hours in advance of **EACH DAY** of fishing by using one of these means:

- FAX transmission to (360) 902-2949
  - E-mail to [psfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:psfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)
- or
- Toll-free telephone call to 1-866-791-1279.

**Agency approved log books are required** for participation in Area 7/7A sockeye and pink directed fisheries, 9A coho directed fisheries and all beach seine fisheries. The log books are necessary to monitor the numbers of incidentally caught chinook, coho and chum salmon in Area 7/7A; chinook and chum in Area 9A; and species other than chum in Area 7B. Each gear type (gill net, purse seine, reef net, and beach seine) will have a different type of log book. Fisher's must ensure that the proper log book is on board the vessel prior to fishing in Areas 7, 7A, 7B, 9A, or 12A.

Log books may be obtained from the Licensing desk at Department of Fish & Wildlife main office in Olympia, or by request from the Department of Fish & Wildlife, Harvest Management at (360) 902-2700.

Please read the log book instructions carefully and be sure to use the book per instructions when you are fishing. **Log books used in Area 7/7A must be returned no later than October 10, 2003 and log books used in Areas 7B, 9A, and 12A must be returned no later than November 22, 2003 to:**

Attn: David Lowe  
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife  
600 Capitol Way North  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

**Areas of special note in 2003-**

- In Area 8D, waters of Tulalip Bay inside (easterly) of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point are closed to non-treaty fishing, but the outer strip remains open as in past years.
- Again in 2003, the portion of Area 7B referred to as the "Whatcom Creek Zone" (east of a line from Post Point to the flashing red light at the west entrance to Squalicum Harbor) will remain open to chum salmon fishing 7 days/week during the period 12:01AM October 27 through 4:00 PM December 6.

**Limited Participation Fisheries –DRAWINGS FOR LIMITED FLEET PARTICIPATION**

Enclosed is a form for entry into drawings for limited participation fisheries (per WAC 220-47-500). There is potential for the department to open certain areas to a limited number of commercial vessels over the course of the season where a full-fleet fishery may not be appropriate. North of Falcon fishing plans for 2003 limit purse seine participation in the Bellingham Bay chinook fishery to 2 boats, and similarly, the first week of the Area 8A coho season is to be limited to 2 purse seine boats. Other possible fisheries where full-fleet participation may need to be limited will be determined in-season as fish runs materialize.

Commercial fishers interested in being considered for limited participation fisheries must fill out the enclosed form completely and mail it to:

Attn: David Low  
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife  
600 Capitol Way North  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

The completed form must be received by July 25, 2003 to be included in limited participation drawings.

**Fish Sales and Fish Receiving Tickets - NEW FOR 2003 AND OTHER REMINDERS**

**Direct retail endorsement-** An optional direct retail endorsement is available to natural persons (not available to businesses or corporations) who hold a commercial salmon or crab license and who wish to sell their catch directly to consumers. Holders of the endorsement can sell their catch only at a temporary food service establishments (as the term is defined by RCW 69.06.045), or directly to restaurants, or similar businesses. Fee for the permit is \$50.00, and complete details of requirements can be obtained by contacting WDFW's License Division at (360) 902-2464.



**Quick reporting now in effect for ALL Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries.** Wholesale fish dealers must file a summary report of salmon purchases to the department by 10:00 A.M. of the day following the purchase. Wholesale dealers, buying salmon from Catch Reporting Areas 4B through 13, may choose any one of the following methods to contact WDFW when making their summary reports:

1. Toll free 1-866-791-1279
2. FAX (360) 902-2949
3. Email [psfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:psfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)

Direct retail endorsement holders must also make quick reports of their landings through one of these three contact methods.

Anyone wishing a copy of the summary report form can make their request for a sample through one of the above listed methods of contact.

Table 1. 2003 Preliminary Pre-Season Run Size Forecasts Compared to the 1993-2001 Puget Sound Actual Run Sizes.

Region	Species	2003 Forecast	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Dungeness	Coho	18,800	35,000	27,800	4,800	8,650	13,300	8,000	8,600	3,100	3,100
Nooksack/ Samish	Chinook	45,800	33,000	33,500	40,900	29,500	34,200	29,400	22,300	28,300	32,600
	Coho	78,000	157,900	128,900	75,000	56,700	56,500	92,800	88,000	91,000	90,300
	Chum	81,900	131,400	18,392	94,000	149,600	55,000	69,900	88,000	197,300	65,300
Skagit	Pink	594,300	1,098,200		352,300		106,600		1,390,700		675,100
	Coho	127,000	136,400	85,400	n/a	98,300	45,700	27,400	24,000	56,700	24,000
	Chum	52,400	86,300	40,700	47,800	146,800	17,100	118,000	69,500	294,300	47,800
Stillaguamish/ Snohomish	Pink	1,298,100	1,943,400		474,900		226,500		364,400		220,200
	Coho	277,800	479,300	254,900	100,800	229,500	127,700	113,600	182,700	258,300	112,600
	Chum	245,200	361,300	39,600	123,100	352,800	28,500	213,800	111,400	391,600	215,200
South Sound	Coho	419,300	367,000	396,000	61,400	135,500	217,500	199,500	301,900	430,600	179,200
	Chum	378,800	940,800	241,800	234,500	682,700	130,700	634,600	442,000	557,600	441,000
Hood Canal	Coho	80,400	178,200	67,500	53,100	138,600	149,000	68,700	75,700	113,600	38,600
	Chum	329,900	793,400	150,000	147,300	575,300	456,600	821,100	606,000	961,800	598,800

Notes: The 2003 forecasts will be continuously refined throughout the pre-season and in-season period.  
Run sizes are based upon hatchery and wild fish entering Puget Sound (4B run size).  
Coho forecasts can also be found on the 2003 North of Falcon page on the WDFW website.  
Chum run sizes are fall chum components only.  
2002 run sizes are not available at this time.

**Table 2.** 1993-2002 Puget Sound All-Citizen Commercial Salmon Net Catch and Fishing Days (Major Regional Fisheries).

Region	Species	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Puget Sound All-Citizen Salmon Terminal Net Fishery Catch (round numbers)											
Dungeness	Coho	3,700	5,000	3,500	700	2,400	50	1,700	*	*	0
Nooksack/ Samish	Chinook	13,100	14,600	11,300	9,100	11,900	10,700	7,700	3,700	9,600	9,200
	Coho	18,000	17,800	15,600	10,100	7,800	2,700	14,100	18,400	18,900	12,800
	Chum	12,600	39,000	11,600	34,200	51,000	16,800	5,900	21,700	45,600	21,800
Skagit	Coho	*		*	200	*	9,400	*	130,200	*	*
	Chum	101,700	1,900	2,400	1,700	10,300	600	13,900	7,100	59,500	*
Stillaguamish/ Snohomish	Pink	*	*	*	700	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-8A	*	300	*	20	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-8D	0	700	1,100	240	300	0	300	0	0	0
	Chum-8A	163,000	99,300	1,700	6,800	23,200	1,500	14,800	19,900	20,800	82,700
	Chum-8D	0	32	26	0	100	0	300	0	0	0
South Sound	Coho	*	600	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Chum	497,000	442,900	100,100	52,000	194,000	13,000	184,600	101,100	147,900	176,600
Hood Canal	Coho	*	600	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-9A	2,300	2,300	400	180	250	900	0	0	0	10
	Coho-12A	300	600	1,200	40	700	600	600	*	*	50
	Chum	289,400	232,900	24,600	34,000	225,000	197,300	313,000	191,200	239,200	232,100
Puget Sound All-Citizen Commercial Salmon Terminal Net Fishery Days Open											
Dungeness	Coho	35	31	27	24	25	20	19	*	*	2
Nooksack/ Samish	Chinook	5	5	6	5	3	4	3	8	10	13
	Coho	41	34	41	41	44	45	45	49	47	41
	Chum	30	14	16	27	31	25	43	35	25	23
Skagit	Pink	*	2	0	2	0	6	0	3	0	*
	Coho	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Chum	5	3		5		3		6		*
Stillaguamish/ Snohomish	Pink	*	2	*	2	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-8A	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-8D	*	17	11	17	22	20	13	8	3	5
	Chum-8A	6	10	6	13	15	7	13	19	14	9
	Chum-8D	4	7	4	7	4	6	12	11	7	3
South Sound	Coho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Chum	7	8	5	5	6	2	6	3	3	4
Hood Canal	Coho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-9A	63	42	42	42	49	49	35	35	35	35
	Coho-12A	30	35	35	35	30	34	15	*	*	7
	Chum	7	6	4	4	6	5	6	6	5	9
Notes: Catch table includes Non-Treaty commercial salmon catch in Puget Sound terminal areas only (does not include pre-terminal, sport or prior interceptions). All catches are rounded to the nearest one-hundred.											
* Indicates no directed Non-Treaty commercial fishery occurred.											

**Table 3. Weekly Open Periods by Management and Catch Reporting Areas, including Daily/Nightly Fishing Hours and Directed Species, for the 2003 Puget Sound All-Citizen Commercial Salmon Fishery as Agreed During the PFMC/North of Falcon Pre-season Regulation Planning Process.<sup>1</sup>**

Mgt. Week No.	Week Begins	Gill Net		Purse Seine	Areas 7 & 7A				Area 6D		Area 7B <sup>5</sup>			Area 8		
		Daily Hours <sup>2</sup>	Nightly Hours <sup>2</sup>	Daily Hours <sup>2</sup>	MGT	GN*	PS	RN <sup>4</sup>	MGT	SKIFF <sup>4</sup>	MGT	GN	PS	MGT	GN*	PS
33	10 Aug	6am-11pm	7pm-8am	6am-9pm	SKpk	Fraser Panel Control					CK	<sup>3</sup>		PKck	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
34	17 Aug	6am-11pm	7pm-8am	6am-9pm	SKpk	Fraser Panel Control					CK	M	W <sup>6,10</sup>	PKck	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
35	24 Aug	6am-11pm	7pm-8am	6am-8pm	SKpk	Fraser Panel Control					CK	Su,T, Th	W <sup>6,10</sup>	PKck	Th	Th
36	31 Aug	6am-11pm	7pm-8am	6am-8pm	SKpk	Fraser Panel Control					CK	Su,T, Th	W <sup>6,10</sup>	Pkco	W	W
37	07 Sep	6am-11pm	7pm-8am	6am-8pm	SKpk	Fraser Panel Control					CO	Su,T, Th	M-W	CO	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
38	14 Sep	6am-11pm	6pm-8am	6am-8pm	CO	Fraser Panel Control					CO	Su,T, Th	M-W	CO	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
39	21 Sep	7am-8pm	6pm-8am	7am-7pm	CO	<sup>3</sup>		Su-Sa			CO	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	CO	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
40	28 Sep	7am-8pm	6pm-8am	7am-7pm	CO	<sup>3</sup>		Su-Sa	CO	M,T,W,Th,F	CO	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	CO	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
41	05 Oct	7am-8pm	6pm-8am	7am-7pm	CMco	<sup>3</sup>		Su-Sa	CO	M,T,W,Th,F	CO	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	CO	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
42	12 Oct	7am-8pm	5pm-8am	7am-7pm	CMco	W <sup>9</sup>	Th <sup>10</sup>	Su-Sa	CO	M,T,W,Th,F	CO	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	CO	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
43	19 Oct	7am-8pm	5pm-8am	7am-7pm	CM	W	Th <sup>10</sup>	Su-Sa	CO	M,T,W,Th,F	CO	Su-Sa <sup>14</sup>	Su-Sa <sup>17</sup>	CO	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
44	26 Oct	7am-7pm	4pm-8am	6am-5pm	CM	Th	W <sup>10</sup>	Su-Sa	CO	M,T,W,Th,F	CM <sup>7</sup>	M-F <sup>15</sup>	M-F <sup>15</sup>	COcm	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
45	02 Nov	7am-7pm	4pm-8am	7am-5pm	CM	W	Th <sup>10</sup>	Su-Sa			CM <sup>7</sup>	M-F <sup>15</sup>	M-F <sup>15</sup>	CM	Th	Th
46	09 Nov	7am-7pm	4pm-8am	7am-5pm	CM			Su-Sa			CM <sup>7</sup>	M-F <sup>15</sup>	M-F <sup>15</sup>	CM	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
47	16 Nov	7am-6pm	4pm-8am	7am-5pm							CM <sup>7</sup>	M-F <sup>15</sup>	M-F <sup>15</sup>	CM	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
48	23 Nov	7am-6pm	4pm-8am	7am-5pm							CM <sup>7</sup>	M-F <sup>15</sup>	M-F <sup>15</sup>	CM	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>
49	30 Nov	7am-6pm	4pm-8am	8am-4pm							CM <sup>7</sup>	M-F <sup>16</sup>	M-F <sup>16</sup>			
50	07 Dec	7am-6pm	4pm-8am	8am-4pm												

NOTES: This table represents PRELIMINARY pre-season fishery expectations only; modifications to these expectations may occur in-season, as necessary for stock conservation and allocation. **Fishers are advised to contact the hotline at 1-360-902-2500 to verify any opening before going fishing.**

Codes: MGT=Directed Management Species; CK=Chinook; CO=Coho; CM=Chum; PK=Pink; SK=Sockeye  
GN=Drift Gill Net; SKIFF=Skiff Gill Net; PS=Purse Seine; RN=Reef Net; BS=Beach Seine  
\* Daylight Gill Net Hours

Gill Net and Skiff GN Mesh Size restrictions:

CK = 7" minimum mesh  
CO = 5" minimum mesh  
CM = 6-1/4" minimum mesh  
SK = 5" min., 5-1/2" max. mesh  
PK = 5" min., 5-1/2" max. mesh  
PK = 60 mesh maximum depth  
in Area 8 (Skagit Bay)

Purse Seine Restrictions:

3 1/2" min. mesh in main body of net and in the bunt.  
5-inch strip required in all except sockeye and pink fisheries.  
12" gap corkline modification for sea bird escape.  
Purse seines must use brailer in Areas 7/7A sockeye/pink fisheries  
Purse seine release chinook in all areas (except in Area 7B chinook-directed opening)  
Purse seine release coho in Areas 7, 7A, 10, 11, and 7B prior to Sept. 8  
Purse seine release chum in Areas 7/7A through 9/30.  
Other purse seine release requirements in effect. Refer to Hotline.

Gill Net Gear Restrictions:

Nets must be marked within 5 feet of each end of net.  
"Seabird Strip" requirement for Area 7/7A sockeye fisheries.

Reef Net Restrictions:

Reef nets release chinook.  
Reef nets release chum and wild coho through 9/30.

Fishing Days: M=Monday; T=Tuesday; W=Wednesday; Th=Thursday; F=Friday; Sa=Saturday; Su=Sunday. Days separated by dashes denote continuous hours (24 hours/day). Single days or days separated by commas denote that daily/nightly fishing hours are in effect.

Late-Season Fisheries: Fisheries scheduled late in the season, especially those targeted at hatchery surplus, may be scheduled to open or close at any point during the week. Frequent contact with the hotline is advised. Also note that such late-season fisheries may include modifications necessary to achieve the desired harvest level; for example, shorter fishing hours, additional area restrictions, and/or limited participation.

**All the above gill net and purse seine fishing schedules are subject to action by the Fish and Wildlife Commission at the August 1/2 meeting in Bellingham. Always check the WDFW commercial fishing hotline at 1-360-902-2500 before going fishing.**

**Table 3. Continued**

Mgt. Week No.	Week Begins	Area 8A			Area 8D			Area 10/11			Area 12/12B			Area 12C			Area 9A	
		MGT	GN	PS	MGT	GN	PS	MGT	GN	PS	MGT	GN*	PS	MGT	GN*	PS	MGT	GN
33	10 Aug	CK	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>														
34	17 Aug	PKck	M,W <sup>8</sup>	M,W <sup>8</sup>														
35	24 Aug	PKck	M,W <sup>8</sup>	T,Th <sup>8</sup>													CO	T,Th
36	31 Aug	CK	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>													CO	Su-Sa
37	07 Sep	CO	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>				CO			CO						CO	Su-Sa
38	14 Sep	CO	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>				CO			CO						CO	Su-Sa
39	21 Sep	CO	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	CO	Su,T,Th	Th	CO			CO						CO	Su-Sa
40	28 Sep	CO	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	CO	Su,T,Th	Th	CO			CO						CO	Su-Sa
41	05 Oct	CO	T	M <sup>6</sup>	CO	Su,T,Th	M	CO			CO						CO	Su-Sa
42	12 Oct	CO	Su,T,Th	M	CO	Su,T,Th	M	CM	Su,T,Th	M	CM/7						CO	Su-Sa
43	19 Oct	CM	Su,T,Th	M	CO	Su,T,Th	M	CM	Su,T,Th	M	CM	T,W,Th <sup>11</sup>	M				CO	Su-Sa
44	26 Oct	CM	M,T,W,Th	M,W	CO	M,T,W,Th	M,W	CM	Su,T,Th	M	CM	T,Th,F <sup>11</sup>	M,W				CO <sup>18</sup>	Su-Sa
45	02 Nov	CM	Su,T,Th	W	CO	Su,T,Th	W	CM	Su,T,Th	W	CM	<u>M,T,Th</u> <sup>11</sup>	W					
46	09 Nov	CM	M,T,W,Th	M,W	CM	M,T,W,Th	M,W	CM	Su,T,Th	M	CM	<u>T,W,Th</u> <sup>11</sup>	M	CM <sup>12</sup>	T <sup>13</sup>	M		
47	16 Nov	CM	Su,T,Th	W	CM	Su,T,Th	W				CM	<u>T,W,Th</u> <sup>11</sup>		CM <sup>12</sup>	T <sup>13</sup>	M		
48	23 Nov	CM	M,T,W,Th	M,W	CM	M,T,W,Th	M,W				CM			CM <sup>12</sup>	T <sup>13</sup>	M		
49	30 Nov																	
50	07 Dec																	

**Table Footnotes:**

- \1 Openings are subject to change by emergency regulation in-season; Exclusion zones and in-season restrictions applicable to Puget Sound fisheries are described in WAC 220-47-307.
- \2 Hours are expressed in local time; Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) ends 10/26; the hours listed in Table 1 are in effect unless otherwise noted. Fisheries ending on a Friday close at 4PM per RCW 77.50.010(3) unless otherwise noted. Fraser Panel fishing times will differ from these hours. WAC 220-47-410 prohibits gill net openings in the Fraser sockeye fisheries between midnight and 1½ hours after sunrise, to provide protection to seabirds.
- \3 Fisheries cancelled or delayed to protect stocks of concern, per PFMC North-of-Falcon pre-season agreements.
- \4 7AM-7PM daily schedule in reef net, skiff gill net.
- \5 Fishing days in Area 7C are scheduled for the same days as in 7B during weeks 34-36; Areas 7B and 7C may be restricted later in the chinook management period and Area 7B may be restricted early in the coho management period to ensure hatchery escapement needs are met for Samish fall chinook.
- \6 Purse seines, 2 boats only. In 7B, weeks 35 & 36 contingent upon week 34 total catch.
- \7 7B Whatcom Creek Zone open 7 days per week: weeks 44 through 49.
- \8 Southern exclusion zone in effect weeks 34 and 35.
- \9 Week 42, Gill nets: must use liveboxes, and soak time for sets not to exceed 45 minutes.
- \10 Brailing required.
- \11 Area 12B, closed to Gill Nets in area south of a line from Quatsap Pt. to Hood Pt. on days indicated in **bold**.
- \12 Beach seine fishery (Hoodsport Hatchery Zone only) Weeks 46 to 48 pending discussions with PNPTC and Skokomish.
- \13 Gill nets, additional days dependant upon discussions with PNPTC and Skokomish.
- \14 Open 24 hours per day from 7 AM 9/21 until 4 PM 10/25.
- \15 Open 24 hours per day from 7 AM Monday until 4 PM Friday.
- \16 Open 24 hours per day from 8 AM Monday until 4 PM Friday.
- \17 Open 24 hours per day from 7 AM 9/21 until 7 PM 10/25.

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APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT ON PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON LIMITED  
PARTICIPATION FISHERIES REGISTER

**Application Deadline:** This application must be sent to and **received** by David Low, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Program in Olympia **no later than July 25, 2003** to be considered for any limited participation salmon fisheries.

To Apply: Fill out this form and mail to:

Attn: David Low  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Fish Program  
600 Capitol Way North  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

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Gear Type (circle one):      **Gill Net**                      **Purse Seine**

Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

U. S. Coast Guard Vessel Registration Number -or-  
Washington Department of Licensing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of Fish and Wildlife Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2003 Puget Sound Commercial Salmon License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

License Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be considered for **ALL** Catch Areas \_\_\_\_ (check) -OR-  
Please circle the Catch Areas you **DO NOT** wish to be considered for:

7    7A    7B    8    8A    8D    9A    10    11    12    12A    12B    12C

I hereby affirm and swear under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct. I understand that if my name is chosen for a limited participation fishery and I cannot be contacted after reasonable effort, I will be ineligible for the immediate fishery in question, but will retain my standing on the priority register. I also understand that if I agree or decline to participate in a limited participation fishery my name returns to the bottom of this year's priority register. (WAC 220-47-500(5))

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Signature of License Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date